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SEPTEMBER MEETING OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Condensed Report of Transactions by DeSoto County Board

NEW ROADS ARE GRANTED

Another Drainage District Created; Accept Plans For Peace River Bridge in Charlotte Harbor Special District and Advertising Bids; Petition for Creating Bond District Dismissed.

The county commissioners met in regular session on Monday, Sept. 4. Present: L. W. Whitehurst, chairman, and John Hagan, D. L. Skipper, W. G. Wells and W. M. Whitten, members.

Part of an unopened public road at Palm Dale was ordered discontinued because a street of that town serves the purpose and further because the A. C. L. R.R. wishes to locate its track and depot on site of said road.

Report of John A. Welch, Joel Bishop and C. G. Brown on the establishment of a road running parallel with the bay from Solana to Cleveland was accepted and the description of the road ordered recorded in the minutes of the board. Mrs. Mary Talley was placed on the pauper list at \$5.00 a month.

The board adopted the necessary resolutions for the issuance of \$23,135.22 bonds for Special Drainage District No. 10, the bonds to be issued in denominations of \$100.00 each, to bear 6 per cent. interest, be dated Aug. 1st, 1916, and mature at the end of ten years. Any member of the board who is a bond trustee for said district is forbidden to draw any pay for any service he may render "in connection with said special drain No. 10."

Changes asked for the grades of canals "A" and "B" in the Fort Ogden drainage district were granted.

At Tuesday's meeting, the board authorized the chairman to ask the A. C. L. R.R. for a monthly credit for freight to the amount of \$15,000.00, to apply at Wauchoula, Zolfo, Buchanan, Avon Park and Sebring.

Petition for a public road in the neighborhood of Sebring and Avon Park was granted.

Geo. W. Rollins of Joshua Creek was allowed a pauper pension of \$5.00 a month.

Moved and carried, that the report of P. O. Rickman, Joshua Mizell and R. S. Windham, a committee appointed to view and mark out road beginning at southwest corner northwest quarter of northwest quarter section 27, township 41 south, range 23 east, thence north to northeast corner of northwest quarter of southwest quarter section 23, township 41 south, range 23 east, be received, placed on file and said road be established to a width of forty feet, and that the clerk be directed to give notice as required by law, of this action.

At Wednesday's meeting the clerk was instructed to readvertise in The Punta Gorda Herald for approximately 4,000 cubic yards of shell to be delivered on division No. 2 of Punta Gorda special road and bridge district. Said bids to be received up till noon of October 2nd, the board reserving the right to reject any and all bids.

Contract and bond of D. G. Swann for road work in district No. 5 was approved and filed.

Moved and carried, that specifications of the Peace river bridge in the Charlotte Harbor special road and bridge district be received and placed on file, and the clerk be authorized to advertise for bids for constructing the same in the Engineering News, Manufacturers' Record and Punta Gorda Herald, to be received up to noon of October 18, 1916. Plans and specifications may be found in the office of the engineer, Bartow, in the clerk's office, Avon Park, and in the engineer's office at Punta Gorda.

The bid of the W. P. Kennedy Construction Company for the construction of concrete abut-

ments and wing walls in special road and bridge district No. 5, was accepted, with the proviso that this board reserves the right to order constructed such of said abutments and wing walls as they desire.

Viewers were appointed to mark out a public road in the Ft. Green neighborhood.

Commissioner Whitten, of the committee to whom was referred the petition of Willie Williams and six others asking that certain territory in townships 31, 32, 33 and 34 be constructed into a special road and bridge district, reported that said petition is not in accordance with law, and that there are not enough registered freeholders in the proposed district to form an election board, and recommended that said petition be not granted, and that the petition be dismissed.

The said Willie Williams, accompanied by his attorney, L. Grady Burton, appeared before the board and requested that the said petition be granted, and that the election that the said petition prays for be called by this board to determine whether the district described in the said petition should be constituted into a special road and bridge district.

A resolution was then introduced by Commissioner Wells of the committee to whom the aforesaid petition had been referred, setting forth that this board, having investigated the facts prayed to be investigated, as they are required by law to do, does find and determine that the said petition was and has been signed by 25 per centum of the registered voters who are freeholders living within the territory hereinbefore described, and that the said petition is in accordance with law.

Upon motion of W. M. Whitten, seconded by D. L. Skipper and carried, the resolution introduced by Commissioner Wells was tabled.

The board then adjourned.

County Agents' Meet Will Interest Farmers

Plans for the annual meeting of the county agents at the University of Florida October 2 to 10 are being developed rapidly.

A tentative program has been issued. October 2 will be organization day upon which rural organization and cooperation will be discussed; October 3 will be horticulture day; October 4 will be livestock day; October 5 boys' and girls' club day; October 6, staple crops day; and October 7, vegetable crops day.

Experts from the United States Department of Agriculture, from the Experiment Station, and the county agents will take part in this program. Lectures will consume the mornings and discussions demonstrations and field trips will fill the afternoons.

While the meeting is held primarily for agents, farmers are urged to attend. This meeting will not only be of educational benefit to any farmers who care to attend, but it will give them an insight into the work which the state and the nation are doing and trying to do for rural folk. Problems in different counties and localities will be discussed and a broader view of conditions in the state can be had by those who care to go.

It is probable that the program as given will be followed in general, but additions will be made.

It has been said that if a wall were erected across the entire state, completely cutting us off from communication with the balance of the country, Florida could prove herself more nearly self-sustaining than any other state in the Union, as she can grow practically all the products of both the temperate and the tropical zones. — Estero Eagle.

At Lloyd's, in London, peace in Europe is not looked for much before the end of next year, and the insurance gamblers can't insure it



Photo by American Press Association.

Socialist Peace Program Eliminates Indemnities and Land Annexations

By MORRIS HILLQUIT, Noted Socialist

THE Socialist peace program seeks to bring about an arrangement which will be likely to guarantee perpetual international peace in the future regardless of the faults of the past. To bring about such a peace the Socialists are trying to eliminate all factors which have been the most fertile sources of war among nations.

THEIR OPPOSITION TO ANNEXATIONS OF TERRITORY AND TO INDEMNITIES IS THUS ACCOUNTED FOR.

So also are the special points agreed upon at the recent Hague conference—the independence of Poland and the establishment of a free federation of Balkan states, a federation on the Balkan peninsula similar to the United States of America. The dismemberment of Poland and the various conflicts between separate states on that peninsula as well as the punishment of France after the war of 1870 have been among the causes of permanent friction in Europe.

Further points in the international Socialist peace program are reduction of armament, establishment of an international court of justice and, above all, the abolition of secret diplomacy, of the hidden agreements made by the few committing millions of people to the doing of things they know nothing about, committing them to slay one another when they would be friends.

ALL OF THESE THINGS AIM AT THE REMOVAL OF ALL CAUSES OF FUTURE WARS.

COMMENTS ON CANDIDATE CATTS

What Some of the Newspapers Are Saying About Him — Criticisms and Charges Which He Will Doubtless Answer in the Campaign He is Now Making

We do not see how Mr. Blithe, who is a good American citizen, and has many lovely American girls among his relatives and close friends, can consider Catts' remarks about high school graduates as something to be dismissed lightly. We consider such remarks as ruffianly insults to America's young womanhood. — Ocala Star.

A gentleman at our elbow says that he believes that Catts will be elected. Why? His answer is that every "knocker" seems to be for Catts. Everyone who is opposed to progress seems to be for Catts. Everyone who thinks that things are going to the "demination bow wows" and sees no hope for the republic seems to be for Catts, and he thinks that this class is in the majority. — Ocala Banner.

In his speech here, Rev. Catts in endeavoring to bring into disfavor the efforts of Mr. Knott to have a fair, honest and accurate recount of the votes in order to ascertain who is the regular nominee—the real choice of the Democrats of Florida—frequently repeated that all the recounts show no gains for any candidate but Knott.

Now, if Mr. Catts is as conversant with the figures reported from the recounts as he acknowledges to be in the art of religion and politics, then he would know that he is maliciously misstating facts for political purposes only.

In our own Georgetown precincts gains were made by Farris and Hudson, while in Duval, Suwannee, Nassau and nearly all the other counties contested, the recounts showed gains for the various candidates. As Mr. Knott was more widely and favorably known, it was but natural that he should receive a majority of the second choice votes on the Farris, Wood and Hudson ballots.

Rev. Catts, being the radical candidate, was "single-shot," as a whole, hence he had few second choice votes to be counted. These votes not being cast for Rev. Catts, the recount accurately made could not show him to have made gains when there were no gains to be made. But, if Rev. Catts desires the public to believe him the truthful and pure man he claimed to be in his speech here, then he must stick just a little closer to the truth, or at any rate make statements which are not false on their very face.

Relative to the recount, Editor McCreary who represented Ala-

chua in the senate, has the following in his true and tried Democratic paper, the Gainesville Sun:

"In the recounts of votes in three precincts in Nassau county, Wood gained 14, Hudson 10 and Knott 1 for governor. It is quite evident that there were numerous errors made all over the state in counting the votes cast at the primary election, and it is also evident that certain inspectors took special care to see that Sidney J. Catts was credited with every vote cast for him, but especially negligent in tallying the votes cast for other candidates for Governor, particularly the second choice votes. Hence the recount is merely correcting these errors, and giving each candidate every vote cast for him by the voters. It is as fair for one as it is for the others; so let the good work continue, and let us see who is the real Democrat nominee for governor. As Knott is far in the lead, we fail to see how Catts can hope to figure except as an independent and in the same class as 'Cyclone' Mitchell. Loyal Democrats will support the nominee." — Palatka Times-Herald.

The statement that Mr. Catts said that Knott had been given \$20,000.00 by Cardinal Gibbons in his speech here Monday night has been denied, some Republicans and Socialists, who have not the slightest right to participate in Democratic councils, insisting the amount was \$10,000. Catts did specify exactly the sum given in the Evening Telegram, though he said Mr. Knott had only expended \$10,000. The editor of the Telegram heard Mr. Catts make this statement, and was careful to note the amount, for the reason that Catts had already made conflicting statements as to this matter. Several gentlemen called at the Telegram office today and declared they would gladly make affidavits that the amount stated by Mr. Catts was \$20,000, and that they could get 100 men who would gladly sign their names to such an affidavit. However, Mr. Catts saved all this trouble by stating in Tampa last night, that the amount contributed by Cardinal Gibbons was \$80,000! Think of that—the reckless untruthfulness of a man who will make such a charge, absolutely unsupported by one iota of evidence, giving the amount in our city as \$20,000 and the next day, in another city as \$80,000! Now, this is not our report—it is the report of the great Tampa Tribune, which certainly would not tell a lie on Brother

GENERAL OFFENSIVE ON THE MACEDONIAN FRONT

Catts. The strictly neutral papers of Jacksonville quoted Mr. Catts as stating that the amount was \$30,000. Note that in every place he has a different tale. Truth is not one thing in one place and another thing in another place. There is a good old proverb which Mr. Catts ought to have learned in his school days, if he did not—"falsus in uno, falsus in omnibus," which means that if a man will lie about one thing he will lie about everything. The fact is, as every intelligent person knows, Cardinal Gibbons never gave \$20,000, or \$30,000, or \$80,000 to defeat Catts, and that he would not give twenty thousand cents to do so. The whole story is a concoction of Catts' disordered brain designed, as he expresses it, "to catch the Crackers." — Lakeland Telegram.

There is a Chinese fruit called the Lichee that looks like a small pine cone, but which has but a shell-like covering, easily removed, that is pronounced by many to be the finest fruit in the world. There are several Lichee trees in Florida, notably in the yard of Dr. Richardson, and W. S. Taylor, both of Tampa. The Royal Palm Nurseries sends two of the fruit to the Grower, stating that the tree is harder than the mango and that it may be generally grown in South Florida, and will be a welcome addition to our summer fruits. They say that the flavor is delicious and delicate and Dr. Richardson calls it the queen of fruits. — Florida Grower.

The reports from the Hughes trip across the continent are all to the effect that he is making an unfavorable impression on the country. The people are getting tired of a continuous scold, scold, scold, and they just laugh when he makes a fierce attack on the president. The country will give Mr. Hughes the "laugh" in November.

Citrus Growers Will Meet October 17 to 20

A fruit buyer recently told a grower near Clearwater that he would give him a good price for his bright fruit, but not a cent for his rusty fruit. He explained that perhaps he might be able to handle the marked fruit after Christmas.

Mr. Grower, do you know what this means? The fruit buyer knows his business. He would show no preference if he could make as much money from handling the rusty fruit. He knows that the market is growing more critical of the fruit it buys. It wants bright fruit. Are you prepared to deliver bright fruit? Can you do it every year, or is it a matter of accident that you have bright fruit this year?

If you are unable to recognize the different pests that infest your trees, if you are uncertain how to control them effectively and economically, for an investment of ten or fifteen dollars for board, room and railroad fare, you can get this information by attending the Seventh Annual Citrus Seminar which will be held at the University of Florida, Gainesville, October 17 to 20 inclusive.

The purpose of this meeting is to give the citrus grower the latest and best information on different subjects pertaining to the growing and marketing of citrus fruits. There will be four days of instructive lectures, exhibits and demonstrations. Each of the important diseases and pests of citrus trees will be discussed. There will be exhibits of these diseases and pests showing important stages of their life histories. The latest information concerning these troubles will be given. Methods of prevention and control will be thoroughly discussed. In addition there will be lectures on fertilizing and cultivating citrus trees, gasoline engines, spraying machinery, the marketing of citrus fruits, bud selection, the new farm loan act and a number of other subjects.

Indicated by the Present Thrust of the Entente Forces

HAS BEEN LONG EXPECTED

Armies of Five Nations on This Front Said to Number Six Hundred Thousand; Penetrate Bulgarian Positions and Force Defenders to Retreat; Russians Make Progress in Carpathians

London, Eng.—Reports from the Macedonian front point more steadily than ever to the probability that the present thrust of the entente forces may be the long expected general offensive movement from this base.

Of the armies of five nations assembled on this front, reported from several sources to number 600,000 men, the British and French are known to be exerting heavy pressure, the British along the Struma front northeast of Saloniki, and the French northward along the border on the Serbian front.

French troops are also co-operating with the British in the more easterly operation, where, like the British, they have crossed the Strumafu capturing the village of Yenimah on the easterly bank of Demir Hissar.

The British have seized additional trenches, across the river to the southeast according to a news dispatch from Athens, the Bulgarians are in retreat after a thirty-six hour battle in which they suffered heavy losses. West of Vardar near Majadag four miles south of Gievgali, Paris reports a vigorous offensive by the French and their allies, resulting in the penetration of the Bulgarian positions to a depth of nearly half a mile on the two-mile front. The French are also being victoriously employed on the front to the east, the entire length of which seems to be buzzing with fighting.

German army headquarters report successes on the Vardar and in the east, reporting the operations in the latter region resulted successfully for the Bulgarian province of Dobrudja the advance of the Bulgarians and Germans, who are commanded by Field Marshal von Mackensen, is continuing, Berlin declares.

The Russian campaign in the Carpathians is making further progress, according to Petrograd, which reports the capture of Kapul mountain near the Bukovina border and other heights nearby. Berlin announces the repulse of Russian attacks in this sector.

Austrian counter-attacks on positions captured Sunday by the Italians in the Posina sector of the Trentino were repulsed, and further progress has been made by the Italians, Rome announces.

The "dollar social" given by the ladies of the Methodist church in the lobby of the Hotel Punta Gorda last Friday night (was a success from all view points. The attendance was even larger than had been expected and so were the receipts, which amounted to a little over \$26.00. The object was to aid the church in paying off the balance of the debt incurred in putting up the new building. The program of the entertainment included vocal and instrumental music by the best local talent and, by way of refreshment, punch and lemonade. All who attended enjoyed the evening to the fullest extent.

There are few farm folk who give enough attention to their teeth. Dr. Wiley was not far wrong when he said in the Progressive Farmer recently that every good tooth is worth a thousand dollars. Farmers as well as city people should make it a habit to go to a dentist regularly at least once a year; and every child should be taught the use of a tooth-brush as religiously and promptly as it is taught to say "Now I lay me down to sleep." — The Progressive Farmer.